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If thou would'st read a lesson that will keep Thy heart from fainting and thy soul from sleep, Go to the woods and hills.—Longfellow.

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## MARLINTON

### THE PRINCIPAL TOWN ON GREENBRIER DIVISION.

HAS NO RIVAL ON A RAILROAD 147 MILES LONG. LOCATION AND INDUSTRIES.

The town of Marlinton has sprung up in the last few years from a settlement consisting of four farm houses to one of the most important towns in the state. As far back as any one can remember the people would predict that some time or other a town would be built at Marlins Bottom where the waters meet, but whether it would be in the near future, or hundreds of years hence, no one knew.

The Virginia booms started this town in a measure. In 1890 millions of dollars were being expended in starting some twenty-five or thirty cities between here and Roanoke. They all proved to be bubbles of the most fragile sort and in December 1890, the big snow fell, and stopped the trains and lot selling for a few days and all the booms burst. While that snow was on the ground the site of Marlinton was purchased and a land company organized to develop it. A railroad was projected from Camden. Maps were made and lots laid off, and in the excitement the court-house was moved here. The hard times in 1893 hit us and the town remained until 1899 with about fifty people. One or two stores and a blacksmith shop were the principle industries.

In 1899 a railroad was let to contract to run north and south through the county. The first railroad was to run east and west and it shows how admirably Marlinton is located, when it is considered that the north and south route bisected the east and west route in the center of the town site.

In 1899 the town began a rapid but healthy growth. The town is noted for its handsome buildings. The site is beautiful. The town is located on a broad grassy bottom land by the side of clear waters, and wherever he goes and whatever city he visits Marlinton always looks good to the returning traveler.

As the county seat of one of the richest counties in the state it will have the advantage of being the principal railroad and manufacturing center. Already the investments here exceed a million dollars and apparently the town has just begun to grow. We have a fine court house, which proves the good judgment of the county court which built it in the open fields ten years ago.

The principle industry is the tannery, which is said to be the best and most modern tannery in the United States. This is not without reason, as it belongs to the United States Leather Company, sometimes called the Leather Trust, and it is said that the last tannery it builds is always the best tannery, and if this is the best of some 169 which that great corporation owns, it can well be called the best tannery in the United States. The buildings are fast nearing completion and there are several acres of ground under roof. When completed it will employ an army of men and support a good sized village in itself. The company does not run stores and does not desire even to build houses for rent and a more desirable industry for the town could not be imagined. This tannery will be running by next spring. It has been about two years in building, and it has taken longer to complete on account of the plans having been greatly enlarged. It was at first the intention of the company to build two tanneries in the county, but Marlinton has been chosen the

THE CAMPBELL LUMBER COMPANY.  
One of the largest industries in the State will be Campbell Lumber Company which has its chief works at Marlinton. This industry means a great deal to Marlinton and it comes from an unexpected source. The timber tracts belonging to this company lie in what is known as the Baltimore & Ohio territory and it is only by advantageous circumstances that the timber will be manufactured on the C. & O.

The junction of the road which will eventually connect the B. & O. and C. & O. at Marlinton has been affected, and by winter the divide will have been crossed and the rest of the way to Camden will be easy. One of the largest band mills in the State is being installed in the upper part of Marlinton and the store, hotel and dwelling houses of the company form a good town. The mill will consist of a single band saw and a re-sawing machine which will have about the same capacity as the big mill at Cass.

The railroad is no ordinary logging road but is built for all time, and the bridge across the river at the mouth of Stoney Creek compares favorably with the bridges on the Greenbrier Division. From the deeds filed it will be seen that this point is the proposed terminus of the Holly River railway which will open up one of the finest coal and timber sections of the State.

THE BANKS.  
In the Bank of Marlinton and the First National Bank, the county does its banking business. Each bank owns a fine three story brick office building which compares favorably with buildings in the city of Charleston. These banks at present are doing a volume of business aggregating near half a million of dollars and are sound financial institutions.

HOTELS.  
The Home Hotel Company is just completing a three story brick hotel of thirty rooms. It is not large but it is one of the handsomest in the State and has every modern convenience.

The McLaughlin House near the court house is being conducted by G. H. McLaughlin and the Valley House near the depot by Mrs. R. R. Mason.

George Ahercraft is completing a fine building in which he will move his popular restaurant, and D. F. Caplinger has a first-class restaurant in good rooms at the corner of Railroad Avenue and Court Street.

In addition there are numerous boarding houses where good board can be obtained. Mrs. R. F. Yeager lets furnished rooms to travelers.

STORES.

Paul Golden came here about ten years ago with a stock of goods in a one horse wagon. He is the pioneer merchant and has now a \$20,000 stock of general merchandise. A. Harrison is next in point of time and has a large store with an immense trade. He was practically ruined by the fire two years ago and has caught up again and has a larger stock than ever.

B. F. Hamilton owns a good store house which is well stocked with goods.

The hardware business is in the hands of O. J. Richardson who does a large business. He has started to build a large three story fire proof building near the depot. The grocery business is in the hands of F. H. Kincaid and M. C. Brown. Both having stores on Main street.

and supply business is in the hands of the Charleston Milling Company, Elwood Shoemaker and John Curry. They handle goods by car load lots.

Smith & Whiting have a coal and lumber business.

The Marlinton Meat Market, Beard & Ahercraft, proprietors, has built up a large trade in fresh meats along the Greenbrier Division.

Marlinton Harness Company, J. A. Leonard, tailor, R. Simmons, shoemaker, are other industries.

GREENBRIER RIVER LUMBER CO.

The Greenbrier River Lumber Company have a large and well equipped band mill in the upper part of town and a number of houses, forming a little town within itself. It is under the management of John Alexander, who as manager for the Pocahontas Development Company, Greenbrier River Lumber Company, and John T. McGraw's interests has aided most materially in the wonderful development of the town.

OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.  
The Rosemont Lumber Company has a flourishing business manufacturing wagon fellows. E. D. King, W. J. Killingsworth and Wood & Moore, have each fine planing and dimension mills.

DRUG STORES.  
S. B. Wallace & Company have a handsome drug store and are well stocked with drugs and furnish the county physicians generally with supplies.

FURNITURE STORES.  
The Marlinton Furniture Store has a very large stock of furniture as has C. J. Richardson in connection with his hardware business.

Marlinton has also two first-class printing establishments, the Marlinton Messenger and Pocahontas Times, two barber shops, a meat market, five doctors, two blacksmith shops, nine lawyers, three surveyors, one dentist, a fine jewelry store and repairing shop in the Greenbrier Jewelry Company.

It has two fine furnishing stores in J. A. Hoover and the Wallace & King establishments, which enable those who wish to dress well to buy with all the facilities that city stores could give them.

R. B. Slaven has a large tinning and plumber's shop and the livery business is in the hands of E. F. McLaughlin and A. B. Kincaid.

We have endeavored to enumerate the principal business institutions of the town in a very brief manner, and if we have overlooked any in the long list we will make good at another time.

The town has two church buildings. In school facilities we are lacking, but an effort will be made to have this town made an independent school district by the coming legislature, after which we will be in shape to build a fine schoolhouse that will not only be of great advantage to the town but the whole county.

There is not a vacant house in Marlinton and next season will see a building boom rarely equalled. The tannery company will erect a large number of houses, some of which will be handsome residences. Hunter & Echols will build a large double storehouse on Main street; J. A. Hoover a big clothing store; B. M. Yeager a store building, 28x100 feet, and C. J. Richardson a three-story building; W. J. Gourley will build a business house in the rear of the Bank of Marlinton.

It will be seen from the list here given that Marlinton has made a most remarkable record in the past two years. Just two years ago the principal business part of the town was burned down, but it has been more than built up with far better buildings, as is the case generally with live towns.

The town as it stands today, just on the threshold of real development, is a never-ceasing wonder to those who remember the site as farm lands.

We know of no place where persons seeking to engage in trade in a growing town can be better satisfied.

## UP TO BOYER.

To The Dedication of a Church.

W. T. F. Writes of His Trip to Upper Pocahontas.

Saturday about noon October 22d, 1904, I was the alone passenger to get out at Boyer Station on my way to attend the dedication of the Kerr Memorial Church at Boyer, four or five miles east of the station just mentioned, where Mr. Bock & Sons are operating a flourishing lumber plant.

A week or so previously a disastrous fire had burned a mill and much valuable lumber at Boyer Station, the dense smoke still rising from the smoldering ruins nearby.

After the train disappeared there was but one person in sight, Frank Whitmore, from Boyer, who had started at four o'clock to meet the train to get an express package containing his Sunday go-to-meeting suit, ordered from a Kansas City department store, so as to be ready for the dedication. He had walked the track by the light of a lantern and had gotten to the station an hour or more ahead of train time.

Though he was a stranger to me, it so turned out, I was no stranger to him, and as his nice suit had come he was feeling good over it, and he was as pleasant as could be in giving me information about the chances of getting to Boyer. In his opinion it was rather doubtful whether the "Dinkie" would come to the station that day, or if it did, it would be late in the afternoon. He expected to walk back and would be ready to start in a minute or two on his return. No sooner had I heard this than I determined on taking out a tie ticket and make the trip with him.

Upon coming to the Greenbrier, spanned by the Boyer railway bridge, I was overwhelmed by that kind of fear spoken of in the Bible as an infirmity of old age, "being afraid of what is high." Had I been alone I would have flunked that "high thing" by wading the river, at the time quite shallow.

As it was, however, Frank took my valise and I made the venture and finally accomplished what I never did before and will never try again, let the emergency be what it may, provided the water be not more than ankle deep.

Safely over, it was with an exhilarating sense of relief that the worst was passed, the two track ticket men disappeared in the recesses of Brush run.

Though I have been familiar with the woods all my life, yet for all that was grand, gloomy and peculiar I would award the premium to the Brush run dells, so far as I have yet sampled the Pocahontas forests.

There seemed to be a terrific conflict of the elements going on far above us. The clouds in dense and gloomy squadrons were passing across the sky, driven by fierce and wailing northern blasts, with occasional flurries of blinding snow.

In singular contrast, all was calm and still along the track. The pines seemed motionless as grenadiers on dress parade, not a single leaf of the vast array of rhododendron seemed to flutter, and were it not for the crimson maple leaves and yellow hickory foliage falling along with the snowflakes there would have been little, if any, apparent motion in the otherwise still solitude.

What an ideal retreat this must have been for deer, turkeys and pheasants before there was a Dinkie to make things so restless and noisy the past few years!

At one place there is quite a reach without a bend, or apparent curve, forming an arcade, that I imagine would be something so beautiful even for a dream, if

the laurel and honeysuckle are at their prettiest.

In about two miles we came to a party of workmen helping Fred Bock to build a dam that is intended to run a band saw in the near future, and then much that is now romantic will take the wings of the morning and fly away to dreamland, wherever that may be. After leaving the men passing the noon hour around a rousing fire Frank stumbled on something that turned out to be a tin quart cup in good condition.

Thinking the cup might serve a better purpose than to be lying there between the ties for some one else to stumble over he would carry it a mile or so and leave it at a spring where he had taken a drink a year or two previously. By keeping up a sharp lookout the place was approached where he believed the spring to be, while I could notice but little to indicate a path, Frank could and found the spring a few steps on our right.

More delicious water I have never tasted. The volume of the water never seems to vary with the changes of the seasons, and the temperature at the time referred to was of icy coolness. If I had the naming of it it would be called the Laura Bock Ice Spring. Soon after leaving the spring we came to a place where much of the timber had been removed and blackberry vines were beginning to promise a vigorous growth.

This leads me to make something of a forecast as to what may be anticipated when the sound of the band saw ceases to be heard anywhere soon.

This region would become a place for small homes, scores of young farmers, with their industrious, economical wives, would rear ideal homes, where love would come in at the doors to stay, no matter how low and large the windows might be. It seemed to me that I could see just as plainly as daylight vineyards, orchards, meadows and wheat fields, as the enticing panorama of some future time, not so many years removed either. More than probable is it that some of the boys and girls now living who will see all this materialized and act well and happily their part in bringing much of it all about.

Now about this time, while Frank and I were thinking and talking, the whistle of an engine was heard. It startled me, for we were on a trestle and I was afraid to hurry up for fear I would stumble and fall off. It so turned out, however, that we were off the trestle on solid footing before the on-coming "Dinkie" appeared, rushing headlong down the steep grade, just after passing the "big fill." Its appearance was unique as it rushing pushed the load along, piled up on a single flat, and consisting of boards, bags of sand and men.

As it emerged to view from around the curve it had the appearance of a terrible monster, about all head, but little body and no tail to speak of, and while puffing fiery smoke would now and then scream viciously.

It made me nervous to think what would have happened had I not cleared the trestle as soon as I was able to do. As the monster rushed by two persons in the cab exchanged signals of greeting with us while at a safe distance from the track.

Upon resuming our tramp on the ties I began to feel shaky about the knees when there looms up before us the highest trestle that had been yet seen, higher than the Greenbrier affair, as it looked at the time. Taking my cue from Gen. Nodzu, I began to think of flank movements, and from that on to Boyer we saw but little more of the trestles and intervening track until we came to the switch near two haystacks, where we took the ties until we reached the main track, and this we crossed soon as a night cut across the Boyer hill was available.

moments when Boyer appeared with its busy scene, whose people seem to find their main enjoyment in being on the go from four o'clock in the morning to nine o'clock at night during the business days.

Before leaving Boyer I enjoyed the hospitality of the proprietor and the engineer of the "Dinkie," already referred to, in their attractive homes. These were the persons that signalled to us near the "big fill"—Mahlon Bock and John Moyer.

Boyer is a place of pleasing and interesting contrasts. The buildings are plain and unpretentious, but when one enters he finds himself in elegantly furnished apartments, provided with up-to-date furniture, latest papers and magazines, musical instruments and new books.

One day you meet grime-smearing working young men, the next you see them spruced up in the business exercises of a dedication, whereby one of the nearest of edifices is set apart to the sacred and uplifting influences of the Christian religion, or busily seeing to the reception and entertainment of the overwhelming crowds in attendance, all regardless of the falling snow and the miry roads.

Though dedication day will be long remembered as one of the most incident of the season in the matter of stormy winds, falling snow and miry paths, still I have no doubt that had it been otherwise the results attained would not have been so satisfactory as all at last turned out to be, or would have been remembered with more genuine satisfaction as what occurred October 23, 1904.

W. T. F.

The McCue Life Insurance.

Samuel McCue, who is sentenced to be hung on January 30th for the murder of his wife, carries life insurance policies to the amount of \$70,000. In case he is executed it will be a burning question, as to whether the companies are liable for the policies.

The case is practically without precedent. It will be a case in which the insured took out the insurance in good faith, and then when in the prime of life, in a fit of insane fury killed his wife, and was duly tried and executed.

Suicide avoids a life insurance policy unless a certain time is stated in the policy sufficiently remote to preclude the possibility of the insured taking out the insurance with a view of killing himself. Two years is the usual time named by the companies. The reason of this is that it would be against public policy to allow a man to provide for his family by committing suicide and would tend to increase the number of suicides.

It has been argued that it is also against public policy to pay the insurance on an executed criminal, because it would be an

incentive to thwart justice by causing the insurance companies to help defend the accused. Still as the accused has the benefit of every presumption of innocence and the State has to make the case, it seems that this view would be too much in favor of the insurance company.

It seems to us that the payment of the policies would rest on the law relating to suicides and if the policies were taken out in good faith, and a sufficient time elapsed before the commission of the crime, which led to the death, then the companies would be liable for the amount of insurance carried.

## MEAT MARKET IN EAST CASS

A meat Market will be opened in East Cass on Friday, Oct. 21, 1904. Meat of all kinds guaranteed to be as good as was ever sold in Pocahontas county.

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Commissioner's Notice.

Commissioner's Office, Marlinton, W. Va., Oct. 27, 1904.  
Geo. R. Richardson, Trustee,

vs.

Geo. D. Oliver and others.

All parties in interest will please take notice that pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, rendered in the above styled cause on the 6th day of October, 1904, the undersigned Commissioner in Chancery will proceed at his office in the town of Marlinton, West Virginia, on the first day of December, 1904, to take state and report to the next Term of the Circuit Court of said County the following list of accounts, to wit:

1st—An account showing all the debts due by Geo. D. Oliver, according to their priority as to the funds in this cause.

2nd—An account of all the funds in this cause in the hands of said trustee ready to be disbursed to said creditors, and in taking said account said Com'r will settle the accounts of said Geo. R. Richardson, Trustee, giving him credit for all proper vouchers and payments made by him in discharging his duty as said trustee, including his commissions on accounts collected as provided in Deed of Trust in this cause.

3rd—An account showing the uncollectable assets in the hands of said trustee, showing what are collectable and what are insolvent.

4th—An account showing a fund sufficient to pay the costs of this suit and a reasonable attorney's fee for the plaintiffs attorney for his services in this cause.

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